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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, CT

SUBJECT: GOCAR DELIMITING SOVIET PRESENCE

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THROUGH VARIETY OF SOURCES THAT PRESIDENT BOKASSA HAS REFUSED TO RENEW CONTRACT OF THEY TWELVE SOVIET ADVISERS AT THE PRESIDENCY AND THAT THEY DEPARTED CAR IN LAST TWO WEEKS OR SO.

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND BUT ARE NOT YET ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT BOKASSA HAS VERBALLY ORDERED SOVIET EMBASSY TO WITHDRAW SIGNIFICANT PORTION OR ALL OF ITS SOME 130 DOCTORS AND TEACHERS. SOVIETS APPARENTLY DO NOT CONSIDER THIS VERBAL ORDER BINDING AND ARE NOW WAITING FOR PRESIDENT BOKASSA TO SIGN AN OFFICAL DECREE DEMANDING THAT THE SOVIET DOCTORS AND TEACHERS LEAVE. THIS COULD CONCEIVABLY BE DELAYED NOW AS THE PRESIDENT LEFT MORNING OF FEBRUARY 3 FOR HIS HUNTING LODGE AT N'DELE

3. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IS STILL AWAITING GOCAR PERMISSION TO OPEN A CULTURAL CENTER AT BANGUI ALTHOUGH THEIR "CULTURAL COUNSELOR" AND CULTURAL CENTER DIRECTOR ARRIVED SOME THREE MONTHS AGO.

4. COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR SOME TIME NOW THAT BOKASSA HAS BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL  
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OF THE SOVIET PHYSICIANS. (REPORTEDLY FOR EXAMPLE HE WAS

INFURIATED IN DECEMBER OVER WHAT HE CONSIDERED A FALSE  
DIAGNOSIS BY A SOVIET DOCTOR OF THE ILLNESS OF HIS WIFE KATHERINE.  
IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF THE EDUCATION MINISTER HAS OPENLY  
CRITICIZED SOVIET TEACHERS AS INEFFECTIVE AND LACKING ADEQUATE  
FRENCH. DESPITE THEIR SHORTCOMINGS THIS VOID WILL LIKELY BE  
DIFFICULT TO FILL IF IN FACT SUCH A LARGE NUMBER ARE EVENTUALLY  
DISMISSED. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THESE ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST  
THE SOVIETS REPRESENT EXPRESSIONS OF BOKASSA'S STRONG OBJECTION  
TO SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLA AND OF HIS INCREASINGLY STRONG  
PERSONAL TIES WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU, WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN  
COORDINATING CLOSELY ON ANGOLA.  
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